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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 26, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the emancipation day commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 26, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 26.430, to read as follows:

26.430. 1. There is hereby created within the department of
2 economic development a state commission to be known as the
3 "Emancipation Day Commission". The purpose of the commission shall
4 be to establish a statewide historical monument designating the
5 nineteenth of June or Juneteenth as "Emancipation Day" to educate the
6 citizens of Missouri on the legacy and contributions made by African
7 Americans to the state of Missouri and the United States; and to
8 establish a statewide "Juneteenth Heritage and Jazz Festival" which
9 shall recognize the economic and cultural values associated with
10 African Americans.

11 2. The commission shall consist of ten members, who shall be
12 appointed by February 1, 2007. The governor shall appoint a
13 chairperson from the members of the commission. The members of the
14 commission shall include:

15 (1) One member of the senate, to be appointed by the president
16 pro tempore of the senate;

17 (2) One member of the house of representatives, to be appointed
18 by the speaker of the house of representatives;

19 (3) The director of the department of economic development, or
20 the director's designee;

21 (4) The director of the department of natural resources, or the

22 director's designee;

23 (5) The director of the Juneteenth Heritage and Jazz Festival
24 Foundation as an ex-officio member, in a nonvoting capacity;

25 (6) The commissioner of the department of elementary and
26 secondary education, or the commissioner's designee; and

27 (7) Four members, to be appointed by the governor with the
28 advice and consent of the senate, who demonstrate experience in
29 matters relating to economic development, who have a knowledge of
30 African American culture, history, and heritage, and who are
31 influential within their communities.

32 3. Of the members first appointed to the commission by the
33 governor, two shall serve a term of three years and two shall serve a
34 term of two years, and thereafter members appointed by the governor
35 shall serve for a term of three years. Other members, except legislative
36 members, shall serve for as long as they hold the position which made
37 them eligible for appointment. Legislative members shall serve during
38 their current term of office but may be reappointed.

39 4. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation
40 for their service on the commission, but shall be reimbursed for
41 ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their
42 duties as a member of the commission.

43 5. The departments of economic development, natural resources,
44 and elementary and secondary education shall provide administrative
45 support as necessary to assist in the performance of the commission's
46 duties.

47 6. The commission, in consultation with the departments of
48 economic development, natural resources, and elementary and
49 secondary education shall be responsible for all activities relating to
50 events and moments associated with the emancipation day celebration.

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